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SUBJECT: OUT-PATIENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR MRS. BERNAL,
WIFE OF BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE

REF: LA PAZ 4392

1. GENERAL RENE BERNAL, BOLIVIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE, INFORMED ME JULY 2 THAT HIS WIFE WILL DEPART LA PAZ VIA LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 491 ON JULY 3 FOR NEW YORK AND WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FRIDAY, JULY 4 VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 055 SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 11:49 A.M. GENERAL BERNAL REPEATED REQUEST FOR OUT-PATIENT EXAMINATION OF HIS WIFE TO DETERMINE ADEQUACY OF SURGERY RECENTLY PERFORMED HERE IN LA PAZ. HE SAID HIS WIFE CONTINUES TO HAVE SOME COMPLAINT ABOUT HER KIDNEYS, WHICH IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THEM BECAUSE OF THE DEATH LAST YEAR OF THEIR SON FROM A KIDNEY PROBLEM.

2. GENERAL BERNAL HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR CAPRILES AND MILITARY ATTACHE CAYOJA OF BOLIVIAN EMBASSY AND GENERALS CARRASCO AND VALENCIA IN WASHINGTON. ANY ONE OF THESE CAN BE CONTACTED TO REPORT STATUS OF REQUEST FOR OUT-PATIENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT U.S. MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY. AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS CABLE, THE BERNALS ARE FAMILIAR WITH WALTER REED AND HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL BE
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POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE CHECK-UP PERFORMED THERE.

3. AS REPORTED IN A PREVIOUS TELEGRAM, ASSISTANCE TO
MRS. BERNAL IS IN THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST. AS MINISTER
OF DEFENSE, GENERAL BERNAL IS CONSTANTLY AVAILABLE TO US
FOR THE RESOLUTION OF MATTERS INVOLVING OUR ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS. WE KNOW THAT HIS COUNSELS IN INNER CIRCLES
IN THE GOB ARE ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND FAVORABLE TOWARD THE
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